Setting up of Nuclear Plants in Kerala

1419. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 82, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the sites proposed by the Kerala Government for the location of nuclear power plants in that State; and

(b) what is the present stage of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCINCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) After a preliminary visit to the four proposed sites in Northern Kerala, a report has been sent by Nuclear Power Corporation to Kerala State Electricity Board, for further work to be carried out by the Board. A Technical Committee constituted by Department of Atomic Energy has also sought proposals of additional possible sites from Kerala State Electricity Board.

Shifting of Central Forest Rangers Training College from Chandrapur to Jabalpur

1420. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Forest Rangers Training College has been shifted from the Chandrapur District of Maharashtra to Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the amount involved in the construction of new building for training purpose at Jabalpur; and

(d) What are the details of said premises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and b) As per the decision of the Government of India to hand over responsibility of Rangers Training to the State Governments, the Central Forest Rangers College, Chandrapur has been closed on 31st March, 1990.

(c) and (d) Questions do not arise.

1421. [Transferred to the 30th May, 1990]

Literate Women in Educationally Backward States

1422. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of literate women in educationally backward States;

(b) whether this number has risen during the last decade; and

(c) what steps have been taken or contemplated to further raise this number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The literacy data is collected through decennial census. The last census was held in 1981. A statement is attached showing the number of literate women in the ten educationally backward States according to the 1971 and 1981 census. *(See below.)*

(c) Keeping in view the policy for removal of disparity in access to educational opportunity suffered by women, several strategies have been initiated recently to promote women's education throughout the country with emphasis on women in rural and tribal areas. Some of these are as under:—

(i) *Mahila Samakhya*: The basic thrust of this programme is to create